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Shop With a Cop: Embarking On Group Deployment of Joy

by Amy Hansen

In the middle of Target at Beltway Plaza on Saturday December 21, Master Police Officer Carlos Torres stood next to the women's sweaters and stopped to ask his partners about sizes. Captain Gordon Pracht already had a pink Care Bear in the cart and he and his partner were ready to roll. Another team was moving toward the Legos. Sergeant Scott Kaiser stood by at the register.

Greenbelt Police were deployed on a mission of joy.

Shop with a Cop, an annual outing for low-income students who live in Franklin Park and attend Springhill Lake Elementary School, took about an hour in the store. The 25 students then rode in the police cars to the Greenbelt Fire Station where they ate pizza and officers helped them wrap the presents.

But first, the shopping.



Officer Irelisse Fernandez helps Rosslyn find her presents on Saturday, December 21.

Just as they've done for the last 13 years, administrative and staff selected students and sent

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Council and NRP Continue Development Discussion

by Grace Kathleen Todd

On December 9, the Greenbelt City Council continued an ongoing discussion about the multifamily housing development on Cherrywood Lane proposed by the developer NRP Group LLC, spending more time on this topic than any other matter.

The development, called Motiva, has received both support and skepticism from council. Both council and members of the public have raised concerns about the environment, parking, traffic and recreation.

The NRP Group has made some revisions based on these concerns, which are showcased

in a Detailed Site Plan (DSP), including a storm water retention pond, electrical vehicle charging ports, additional access drives and a \$50,000 contribution to Springhill Lake Recreation Center.

"I appreciate that you have made so many accommodations in your planning and listened carefully," said Councilmember Emmett Jordan.

The NRP Group's Preliminary Plan of Subdivision was approved by the Prince George's County Planning Board, with conditions, on October 10. Since NRP filed

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Advertising Rate Change

Effective with the January 2, 2020, issue, the Greenbelt News Review will change its ad rates and rate structure.

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Feds Hit Pause on Maglev For the Incomplete Site EIS

by Amy Hansen

The Federal Railroad Administration (FRA) has temporarily paused its assessment of the proposed maglev train, giving the company more time to complete an environmental impact statement (EIS), which had been due in October. If built, the highspeed maglev train would provide service between Washington, D.C., and Baltimore and would go under some portion of Green-

The \$10 billion maglev project has caused much local debate. Many opponents of the train point out the environmental and housing damage that could be caused by tunneling under homes and digging up wooded areas for stations. Proponents emphasize

the environmental and economic boons of mass transit.

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State Delegate Nicole Williams (D-Prince George's) said the EIS report should address the concerns of residents in Prince George's, Anne Arundel and Baltimore Counties. "The community feels as though they have not been given all of the correct information. There's just a level of distrust," Williams said. "We are very much looking forward to seeing the EIS. The timetable keeps getting pushed back, but it will be nice to get concrete information when it comes out."

According to the federal government's online-permitting

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C. Williams Discusses NCOZ Development Process, Timeline

by Gary Childs



Chad Williams, master planner with the Countywide Planning Division of Prince George's County Planning Department, Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission, addresses a group of Greenbelt residents on Tuesday, December 17 concerning the Neighborhood Conservation Overlay Zone portion of the new county Zoning Ordinance. Also pictured: a translator for the hearing impaired.

Prince George's County is in the process of revising zoning regulations in its ongoing Countywide Map Amendment project. As a part of that project, a set of special zoning rules is being established to help preserve the unique, historic character of neighborhoods such as Old Greenbelt. On December 17 at the Community Center, Chad Williams, a master planner with the Countywide Planning Division of the Prince George's County Planning Department of the Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission, discussed how the new Neighborhood Conservation Overlay Zone (NCOZ) will be developed over the next months. The Multipurpose Room was full, with nearly 60 Greenbelt residents in attendance.

Current Situation

Williams began the presentation by discussing the Residential Planned Community (RPC) zoning regulations, which are what Greenbelt currently falls under. He explained that the RPC limits residential density by block, requires a detailed site plan (DSP) review for multifamily and

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What Goes On

City offices will be closed January 1, 2020, in observance of New Year's Day. There will be no city council meetings during the week of December 30 through Janu-



From left, Henry Faber, Eleanor Colarco, Claire McBride, Lillian Glaros, Zoe Larsen, Maggie Holland, and Maya Dunkley perform a dance celebrating Chef Lou's desserts at the performance of A New Deal Nut on December 14 and 15 at the Community Center. See more photos, p.5.

Letters to the Editor

Thanks for Generosity

On behalf of the Greenbelt Community Church, United Church of Christ, we would like to thank all the businesses that supported us. We received gift certificates which were used for the spaghetti and auction dinner in November.

The donations were put to good use by the leadership of the church. We were able to raise \$3,772 to support the Greenbelt Emergency Relief Fund and Meals on Wheels of College Park which services Greenbelt.

Thank you very much and we truly appreciated your assistance. The businesses were Beijing Restaurant, Sunoco, Chef Lou's, Greenbelt Hair & Stylist, Cedars of Lebanon, Maria's Beauty Shop, Co-op Grocery Store, Baskin Robbins, Acupuncture by Ellie Isaac, Gwen Vaccaro of Pleasant Touch, Tom Gill and Tom Davey and also Betty Ladas. Again, many thanks.

Barbara Ransom Board of Congregational Life

Library Appreciates Community Support

I want to thank Lesley Kash for highlighting the recent Hard Hat Librarian episode that featured the updates at the Greenbelt Library in the December 19 issue. We appreciate the support.

> Michael B. Gannon, Chief Operating Officer for Support Services, Prince George's County Memorial Library System

Interesting But...

So, according to Mr. Snyder's letter, the maglev people admit that to get fossil-fuel polluting cars off the roads, their technology relies on the polluting fossil fuel industry in the form of natural gas. Which is the Texas Reserve that is being depleted, as I said.

What I missed from the letter is the promise to go out and find more natural gas reserves when the Texas Reserve goes dry. If it was there and I forgot, I'm sure somebody will tell me. Whose money will fund the exploration and exploitation? Goldman Sachs pulled out of Alaskan drilling; Deutsche Bank pulled out of all fossil fuels. The European investment bank is out. The Swiss reserve is under pressure to pull its nearly \$1 trillion investment out.

But there you have it. To get the magley, you fund fossil fuel exploitation.

Patricia Heil

Holiday Hours and Deadlines

January 2 issue: DEAD-LINE Sunday, December 29, 8 p.m.

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Impeachment Rally



Greenbelter Daniel Thies takes a selfie at the rally – living so close to D.C. is special for him as even national politics is local.

On Screen

Little Women

December 25 to January 2 (Auditorium)

Director Greta Gerwig brings to the screen a new take on Louisa May Alcott's classic tale of four sisters, Amy, Jo, Beth and Meg, as they come of age in America in the aftermath of the Civil War. Though all very different from each other, the March sisters stand by each other through difficult and changing times. "Gerwig's Little Women demands its viewers reconsider these familiar characters and what we've always assumed they stood for," says Alison Willmore of New York Magazine. Starring Saoirse Ronan, Emma Watson, Laura Dern, Timothée Chalamet and Meryl Streep.

Rated PG. Running time: 135 minutes

Bombshell

December 25 to January 2 (Pop-up)

Based on the real scandal, Bombshell is a revealing look inside Fox News and the explosive story of the women who brought down the infamous man who created it. Says Kenneth Turan of the Los Angeles Times, "A ferociously entertaining dramatization of how an unlikely group of women exposed and deposed media titan Roger Ailes, it is as harrowing as it is triumphant in its depiction of the way it all came to pass." Starring Charlize Theron, Nicole Kidman, Margot Robbie and John Lithgow.

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- Sandy Rodgers



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BUDDY. BUT YOU'RE NOT GUIDING ANYONE'S SLEIGH EVER."

- Pete Reppert



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Community Events

Golden Age Club January Schedule

The Greenbelt Golden Age Club meeting schedule has changed for January. See the details below. The Club meets every Wednesday at 11 a.m. in the Greenbelt Community Center Multipurpose Room. All Greenbelt seniors are invited to participate in our meetings and join our group. As colder weather is here, note that the meeting will not be held when schools are closed or start late due to weather.

Programs for January nuary 1 - No meeting on New

January 1 - No meeting on New Year's Day

January 8 - Speaker: Kenya Finley, Supervisory Park Ranger, Civil War Defenses of Washington, DC, National Park Service, will speak on "Women of Color in the Civil War."

January 15 - Business Meeting January 22 - Birthday/Potluck Luncheon

January 29 - Bingo

The schedule changes are for January only.

Menu for Senior Nutrition Program

The Senior Nutrition Food and Friendship program provides lunches for seniors Monday through Friday at the Community Center beginning at noon. Meals must be reserved by 11 a.m. two days ahead so that enough food is ordered. Call 301-397-2208 ext. 4215. All meals, which provide at least one-third of Recommended Dietary Allowances for older adults, include margarine, coffee or tea and skim milk. Menus for the week of December 30 are as follows:

Monday, December 30: Sliced turkey with brown gravy, whipped potatoes, broccoli, biscuit with margarine, pineapple tidbits, apple juice, milk.

Tuesday, December 31: Sliced ham with pineapple glaze, black eyed peas, cabbage, cornbread muffin with margarine, fresh fruit, cinnamon roll, apple juice, milk.

Toastmasters Offer Leadership Seminar

Kick off the New Year with a free workshop on How to Conduct Effective Meetings. The session, hosted by Greenbelt Toastmasters, will take place on Wednesday, January 1, from 7:30 to 9 p.m. at the Greenbelt Community Church Social Hall.

The Greenbelt Toastmasters Club meets every first, third and fifth Wednesday at 7:30 p.m. in the Social Hall of Greenbelt Community Church. Toastmasters provides a supportive environment for anyone interested in improving communication, public speaking or leadership skills. Learn more at greenbelt. toastmastersclubs.org.

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Join the Bird Count January 1 First Saturday Drums

By John Stith

Scores of volunteers will count tens of thousands of birds at Greenbelt's 48th annual Christmas Bird Count on January 1. The count covers a circle 15 miles in diameter, centered in Bowie, and is coordinated by the Patuxent Bird Club and the Prince George's Audubon Society. Thousands of bird counts held across the Americas have tracked the rebound of species like the Eastern Bluebird, as well as the decline of species like the Rusty Blackbird.

In the Greenbelt area, groups will meet at 7:30 a.m. on New Year's Day at the Buddy Attick

Park parking lot and at the Lake Artemesia parking lot, 8200 55th Avenue in College Park. Group leaders will teach newer birders skills in finding birds with their binoculars. The groups will stay on trails and sidewalks.

Birders will also meet at Generous Joe's Deli, 107 Centerway, at 11:30 a.m. to eat lunch and plan outings for those who would like to continue the survey through the afternoon. Counting birds at home birdfeeders is also useful. Home-based volunteers can call John Stith, 301-502-3634, to make arrangements for submitting their counts.

Library Update

The county memorial library system is installing new shelving and carpeting to improve the customer experience at the Greenbelt Branch Library. To ensure a speedy and safe improvement process, the library is temporarily closed until Tuesday, January 21, 2020. Customers are encouraged to visit nearby branches, such as New Carrollton and Beltsville, for their various library needs.

All libraries will be closed Tuesday, December 31 and Wednesday, January 1, 2020 for the New Year's holiday. All regularly operating branches will reopen on Thursday, January 2, 2020, in accordance with established branch schedules.

At Greenbelt Park

Sunday, December 29. Greenbelt Park Winter Walk. Join in for a 1.2-mile walk in the forest along the Perimeter Trail to discover the park in winter. Meet at Park Headquarters at 1 p.m.



Kwanzaa Celebration

If someone greets you with Habari Gani – What's the good news? – your response is that day's principle of Kwanzaa.

Kwanzaa is a seven-day celebration observed from December 26 through January 1. Founded in 1966 by Dr. Maulana Karenga, it created a presence in the Americas of the lost traditions of African peoples. It is both a look backward and a look forward.

The principles celebrate family, community and culture. There are seven principles that are represented by seven candles, one lit each night: Umoja (Unity), Kujichagulia (Self-Determination), Ujima (Collective Work & Responsibility), Ujamaa (Cooperative Economics), Nia (Purpose), Kuumba (Creativity) and Imani (Faith).

Rivers of Life AME Church is hosting a community-wide Kwanzaa event celebrating the first day of Kwanzaa, Umoja/Unity, on Thursday, December 26 and the fifth day of Kwanzaa, Nia/Purpose on Monday, December 30.

The celebrations will be hosted at Springhill Lake Recreation Center, 6101 Cherrywood Lane, from 5 to 8 p.m. each evening.

For more information, go to RiversofLifeAme.org.





Coming Soon to the Greenbelt Arts Center January 31-February 8 - Love's Labour's Lost February 21-March 1 - Leaves of America

First Saturday Drums At the New Deal Café



by Katy Gaughan

In 2020, the New Deal Café will host First Saturday Drum Circles with Katy Gaughan, Drumming for Wellness. These community drum circles are family friendly and appropriate for all ages and level of ability. Gaughan, a Greenbelt resident, will facilitate the drum circles and provide drums and instruments. People are also welcome to bring their own drums.

Gaughan has facilitated the drum circle at Greenbelt's 4th of July Fanfare for the past 11 years as well as leading drum circles at the Labor Day Festival and Green Man Festival. The dates are January 4, February 1, March 7, April 4, May 2, June 6, August 1, September 5, October 3, November 7 and December 5, from 3 to 5 p.m.

Coming to GAC January 3: Quadrille, A Romantic Play

by Anne Gardner

Opening Friday, January 3, Greenbelt Arts Center presents the east coast premiere of Quadrille: A Romantic Play, by Melynda Kiring. Quadrille is a tale featuring romance, secret plots and heroic duels, not to mention plenty of perfectly-prepared corn muffins.

The play is set in 1835, a time of fairy tales, romantic gestures, grand parties and wonderful food, but also a time when the world was full of strict decorum, class division and rigid gender roles. The characters, a Self-Sufficient Female Baker, a Sweet Young Lady, a Dashing Hero and a Blind Nobleman, are on a journey to find love and have to contend with the constraints of their day's society along the way.

According to director Stephen Foreman, "This sweet little show is a wonderful reminder that we shouldn't be afraid to make our feelings known, and that just because society dictates the norms, doesn't mean you should be normal." Says Kiring: "Ultimately, Quadrille is a tale of four people who take an absurd and entertaining path to capture love, and find it only when the simple truth is spoken."

The play runs Friday and Saturday evenings and Sunday afternoons through January 19, with an additional show on Thursday, January 16. There will be a talkback with the playwright after the show on Sunday, January 5. For more information and tickets visit greenbeltartscenter.org.

City Notes

Planning Staff researched the woodland mitigation site for the NRP Greenbelt Metro Detailed Site Plan.

Springhill Lake Recreation Center hosted a Story Explorers program for elementary schoolage students in partnership with Greenbelt Library.

The Winter Youth Musical casting rehearsal was held with 34 enthusiastic teens auditioning for roles in the 2020 production.

Mom's Morning Out students celebrated the last day of the fall semester with a Pajama Party. The Winter/Spring semester begins on January 6. Registration is ongoing.

The Fitness Center supervisor delivered the stuffed animals collected from the toy drive to the Greenbelt Police Department. The remainder of the toy donations was taken to Children's Hospital.

The Community Center provided space for the Greenbelt Library program, Ready2Read Storytimes.



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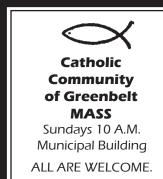
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non-residential development and also requires a DSP review prior to issuance of any grading or use and occupancy permits. These are valuable authorities for helping control residential density and a historic community's character, but he went on to say that the RPC can't do anything else. The RPC standards and land uses are the same as the underlying zones, whether that makes sense or not. Also, under the RPC, any additions and alterations to Greenbelt Homes Inc. townhomes, single-family dwellings and public buildings are exempt from the DSP requirement of the RPC zone. In general, Williams said, single-family residential property under the RPC is treated the same as single-family residential property anywhere else in the county except for density and requiring a DSP prior to issuance of use and occupancy permits.

NCOZ Goals

The NCOZ, which will replace the RPC, will provide more flexibility and therefore better control of the community's character, Williams emphasized. It will provide additional or different design standards that could apply to new development or redevelopment such as density, block sizes (walkability will be key), yard depths and building setbacks, and more. Also, the NCOZ will require planning director review for any new construction or expansion resulting in an increase of gross floor area of a building by 15 percent or more. Creating the NCOZ will require a neighborhood study that will specify the development context in the zone.

Williams said that the NCOZ purposes and goals include preservation of the development characteristics of the New Deal community, including the existing superblocks, the garden city character, existing sustainable development practices and the existing green belt. The NCOZ will also regulate both the demolition of dwellings and addi-



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tions to dwellings, limit size of accessory structures and preserve the current number of parking spaces, including no reductions or expansion of existing parking lots wherever possible.

NCOZ Timeline

Williams said that the NCOZ will be shown on the proposed zoning map, the initial draft of the NCOZ text will be available for review, and there will be an opportunity to testify on the NCOZ in March 2020. The NCOZ text will be converted to legislation and presented as such, and county Planning, Housing and Economic Development Committee worksessions will be held on the proposed legislation. Public comments and written testimony will be accepted in June 2020. Then, the NCOZ zoning map will be approved, along with the Countywide Map Amendment and the NCOZ legislation, after a public hearing and council enactment (done via council bill). The new zoning ordinance and subdivision regulations, including the NCOZ, will take effect in late fall, 2020.

Questions

After the presentation, many attendees asked questions that largely centered on what will be protected and what won't be under the NCOZ. Williams responded that the current zoning does not have much logic to it, but that the NCOZ will provide a structure and a logic that can be

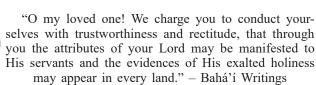
used to preserve the basic character of the neighborhood.

Information on the zoning rewrite and the ongoing Countywide Map Amendment project is available at zoningpgc.pgplanning.com. Electronic copies of the adopted new Zoning Ordinance and Subdivision Regulations are available on the county council project website at pgccouncil. us/ZOR. For additional information about the NCOZ project or to ask questions, contact chad. williams@ppd.mncppc.org or call 301-952-3171.

Festival of Lights At Watkins Park

Bring a twinkle to your holidays and enjoy a spectacular drive-through event featuring dazzling displays with more than 2.5 million lights throughout the park, including a giant, 54-foot lighted musical tree. Admission fees vary according to type of vehicle. The event runs through Wednesday, January 1, daily from 5 to 9:30 p.m. Watkins Regional Park is located at 301 Watkins Park Drive, Upper Marlboro. For more information, call 301-699-





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Pastor: Rev. Walter J. Tappe



Happy Hanukkah!



Mishkan Torah has a display of all sorts of menorahs, including one in an altoid tin.



Congratulations to Timothy Greene Jr. of Plateau Place who graduated from the University of Maryland on December 18 with a bachelor's degree in information

Best wishes to Debbie Coulter, Recreation Department administrative associate, on her upcoming

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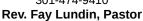
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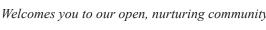
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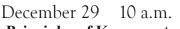
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Applying the Principles of Kwanzaa to Living with **Integrity in TheseTrying Times**

DARTT Co-Chair Carol Carter Walker, with Worship Associate Polly Pettit

Kwanzaa is a celebration of Family, Community, and Culture. Paint Branch will host its 11th annual recognition of this seven-day holiday with a Multigenerational Service followed by a Potluck Feast. Sponsored by the Diversity/Anti-Racism Transformation Team [DARTT].

This is an All Ages Celebration; children and youth are invited to remain in the Meetinghouse for the entire service. Nursery Care for the youngest is provided in Room 6.

New Deal Nutcracker





Left: Ani Arzoumanian (Nutcracker) and Lana Shapiro (Clara) dance their way from Greenbelt of the 1930s to present day Greenbelt.

The full cast of the New Deal Nut includes children from ages five to 18 and a few adults as well.



Claire McBride, left, and Maya Dunkley, right, join Madeleine McComb as she heralds spring as the Bluebird of Springtime.



Mecca Lartigue performs the pivotal role of the Sugar Plum Fairy.



The senior ensemble snowflakes pose with the Snow Queen (Viola Pitts, center).

Greenbelt Dance Studio, a program of Greenbelt Recreation, presents an original production inspired by the holiday favorite, The Nutcracker. Set in Greenbelt past and present, The New Deal Nut: A Greenbelt Nutcracker features a range of dance styles performed by a cast of dancers from elementary through high school. In this adapted version, arranged and choreographed by Angella Foster, Clara and the Nutcracker magically travel from late 1930s Greenbelt to present day Greenbelt.

- Photos by Beverly Palau



Rat Queen Alexandra Nickel leads the Ratty Tap Tappers.

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City Information & Events

The strength of Greenbelt is diverse people living together in a spirit of cooperation. We celebrate all people. By sharing together all are enriched. We strive to be a respectful, welcoming community that is open, accessible, safe and fair.

HOLIDAY SCHEDULE

City Offices will be closed Wednesday, January 1, in observance of the New Year's Holidays.

There are no meetings scheduled for the week of December 30-January 3.

REFUSE/RECYCLING SCHEDULE Week of December 30

Monday Route – Collected Monday Tuesday Route – Collected Tuesday Wednesday Route – Collected Thursday Thursday Route – Collected Friday

There will be no appliance, hard plastics, or yard waste collections on Friday, January 3.

GREENBELT CONNECTION

The Greenbelt Connection will not operate on Wednesday, January 1.

RECOGNITION GROUP APPLICATIONS

Greenbelt Fiscal Year 2021 Recognition Group Applications are available online at www.greenbeltmd.gov. Please read the Recognition Group Information Policy Guide before completing. Completed applications are due by January 24, 2020.

For more info contact Cathy Pracht at cpracht@greenbeltmd.gov

VACANCIES ON BOARDS & COMMITTEES

Volunteer to serve on City Council Advisory Groups. There are currently vacancies on: Advisory Planning Board, Arts Advisory Board, Ethics Commission, Forest Preserve Advisory Board, Senior Citizens Advisory Committee and Youth Advisory Committee

Consider making a Charitable Donation to City of Greenbelt's Agency Funds

Consider donating at this time of year to the Agency Funds, which helps our neighbors in need. Agency Funds are managed but not financed by the City. All donations to the funds are used for the listed charitable purposes. Donation areas include the following:

The Recreation Department: funds used to support camp scholarships and special events.

The Good Samaritan Fund: funds provide for out-of-town persons stranded in Greenbelt and monies for groceries for low income families with whom CARES is working.

Emergency Assistance Fund: funds assist Greenbelt residents at-risk of eviction.

Advisory Committee on Education (ACE): funds initiatives such as ACE scholarships.

The Greenbelt Theater: funds help keep the theater open.

Checks may be made payable to the City of Greenbelt. Donors may direct their donation toward one or more of the agency funds. Donations are tax deductible and upon request a letter acknowledging your gift will be issued.

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From The Archives

Greenbelt Cooperator Offered A Christmas Greeting in 1944

The front page of the December 22, 1944 Greenbelt Cooperator included a Christmas card-like drawing. Above the drawing was the following poem:

Christmas – 1944

Everywhere, everywhere Christmas tonight!

Christmas in lands of the firtree and pine,

Christmas in lands of the palm tree and vine,

Christmas where snow-peaks stand solemn and white,

Everywhere, everywhere Christmas tonight.

The lower half of the holiday card drawing on the front page of the Cooperator included the following message: "As Christmas comes again, once more our hearts reach out to those of us who are far away - to those in the Armed Forces everywhere, serving the cause of our democracy.'

Todd Turner Re-elected Chair of County Council

On December 3, Prince have established with the County George's County Council unanimously re-elected Greenbelt's Representative Todd Turner to serve a second consecutive term as Council Chair. Turner spoke about the importance of the Council's ongoing work with other government and community groups.

"We will continue to build on the strong collaborations we

Executive Angela D. Alsobrooks, state lawmakers, regional and municipal government leaders, our communities, businesses, nonprofits, and other county stakeholders. These partnerships are already bettering the lives of our residents and move us closer to the coveted signature wins for Prince George's County."

Council Hears Status Update On Parkway's Jane Apartments

by Matthew Arbach

On December 16, the Greenbelt City Council invited Tanya Bowman, property manager of the Jane Apartments, to a worksession in order to get an update on the current situation of the apartments, located on Parkway in Old Greenbelt. Last May, the property, formerly known as the Jane Realty Apartments, was bought by Faria Management. The company motto is "luxury affordable" and is focused on providing just that to all the tenants that they service throughout the area. The Jane Apartment complex comprises 49 efficiencies and three two-bedroom units.

The first major issue addressed was a rent increase from \$899 per month, established by the previous owner, to the current \$1,050 per month to all new tenants. Bowman explained that the decision was based on a market survey that determined that the property was below market value. Longer-term tenants also experienced a percentage rise in rent.

Faria Management is in the process of remodeling all the Jane units, including installing hardwood floors, appliances and windows. At present, this work is being done when tenants leave, but at some time in the future, the remodeling will be total. Councilmember Rodney Roberts expressed hope that there would be no redevelopment to the wooded area behind the complex. Bowman reassured him that there was no such plan as this was "a selling point" to the residents.

Bowman has been working with Community Inspector Anthony Crump on learning the procedures and practices that come with being in Greenbelt, which council and staff appreciated. These include working with the city on bulk trash pickup and acquiring the necessary permits for leasing signage.

Even though Faria Management has requested that their tenants sign a one-year lease, they have allowed them to also opt for a six-month or month-to-month lease, especially for people looking to purchase a home.

The previous owner had remarked on the lack of available parking. Councilmember Leta Mach reintroduced the former idea of making Parkway a oneway street, thus allowing more parallel parking spots. Councilmember Judith Davis indicated that the Planning Department had found significant problems with this. Bowman was unaware of any such plans but said he would raise the issue with the owner.

Davis informed Bowman that Prince George's County residents will be able to acquire a renter's tax credit if they fall within the stipulated income level.

Councilmember Emmett Jordan brought up Greenbelt's "leg-

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Lunch:

Dinner:

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Lunch:

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Dinner:

Salmon

Tuna Melt

Stuffed Shrimp

Steamed Shrimp

Shrimp Bacon

Jumbo Lump Crab Cake

Cheddar Sandwich

acy of affordability" in regard to housing. He was quite interested to learn of Faria Management's affordability practices in their other properties, such as Phyllis Wheatley YMCA that services low-income, formerly homeless women. He expressed the view that "you can almost have it all" when it comes to providing affordable living, green spaces and amenities and said it seems like Faria Management is trying to do that.

Mayor Colin Byrd encouraged Bowman to seek out meetings with city economic and planning staff in order to receive most of the services at their disposal in Greenbelt. City Manager Nicole Ard recommended that Faria Management be part of the upcoming meeting of all the city's apartment owners that occur every one to two years. Said Ard, "it is a good opportunity to network."

Council was keen on making it clear that Faria Management is a welcome new addition to Greenbelt and that they are always available if needed.



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Lunch: Lunch: Steak 'n' Cheese Sub Honey Chicken Stir Fry **Fried Chicken Nite** Dinner: Pot Roast **15** 16 Lunch: Lunch:

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Beef Stew

Rib Nite

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Lunch:

Steak Nite

Rib Nite

Smothered Chicken

Chicken Salad Dinner: Seafood Fettuccini

22 Lunch: **BBQ Pork Sandwich**

Dinner: Roast Turkey

29 Lunch: Fried Chicken

Beef Burgundy

Dinner:

30 Lunch:

31 San Antonio Taco Salad Fried Flounder

Lunch: Dinner:

Seafood Platter

Fresh Broiled





Fried

Oysters

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home invitations and permission slips. With a budget of about \$200 per person, the fourth and fifth graders were expected to come with a list of present ideas for their family. They paired up with an officer and the shopping carts rolled.

Rubin was getting a sweater for his mom. Erwin wanted a doll for his sister. Carmin said she wanted a sweater for her dad. And Rosslyn said her cousin needed a book.

The students and officers practically pranced through the store. They bonded over a shared admiration of race cars. They joked about the merits of slime – a tactile toy whose name says it all. They laughed about books, finally settling on Dr. Seuss for a 3-year-old brother and a chapter book for a 9-year-old sister. "She's really smart," the student shopper explained.

In short order, the presents were off the shelves and the students, carts and officers lined up at the registers that Target held open exclusively for the Shop with a Cop participants. Bags were filled with baby clothes for younger siblings, sweaters for parents, warm clothing, books and toys

"Most of the kids are buying things to help their family," said Kaiser, saying he's seen pots and pans, brooms and normal life items as well as more celebratory purchases. The students were also encouraged to get something for themselves, though judging from the conversations, pajamas were not a popular item.

Kaiser had run the program for 13 years. This year he passed the reins on to Torres. Even so, it was Kaiser who juggled the gift cards at the end so that kids who went \$5 over were covered by those who went \$5 under.

All of the money for the event came from donations, said Torres. He said there was about \$1,000 in private contributions, as well as money given by the Fraternal Order of Police, Mission BBQ and Target. The Platinum Roller Motorcycle Club also provided adults to take the students around the store. And Three Brothers donated lots of pizza and other food for the party at the firehouse.

As they waited for everyone to check out, one student asked how he would tell whose present was whose once he wrapped it. A



Officer Gordon Pracht helps Darnell wrap his presents after shopping.

police officer promised to help at the fire station and said that when he wrapped presents, he used a different colored wrapping paper for each person.

And with that suggestion, Greenbelt Police offered a way of having a colorful as well as more plentiful holiday.







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DARCARS Group to Pay Lunch Debt for Students

DARCARS Automotive Group has announced that DARCARS Toyota will pay off the school lunch debt for every student in Prince George's County Public Schools (PGCPS).

On Tuesday, December 17, DARCARS Chief Operating Officer Jamie Darvish presented a \$25,000 check to the nonprofit Excellence in Education Foundation for PGCPS at William Hall Academy in Capitol Heights. "DARCARS Toyota is happy for the opportunity to be able to pay off the current school lunch debt of every student in Prince

George's County," said Darvish. "School lunch debt is a serious problem in this country that impacts the well-being of students and their families."

"By clearing school lunch debt, DARCARS Toyota is giving a special present this holiday season to the Excellence in Education Foundation for PGCPS, our students and their families," said Dr. Monica Goldson, PGCPS CEO. "This donation will not only cover debt accumulated from the start of this school year, but help extend the community that surrounds PGCPS."



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Handgun

December 15, 3:11 a.m., Greenbelt Road near Edmonston Road. A 48-year-old nonresident was arrested and charged with possession of a handgun, transporting a handgun in a vehicle, possession of a handgun after having been convicted of possession with intent to distribute, driving while impaired and other charges, after he was stopped for a traffic violation. He was transported to the Department of Corrections for a hearing before a district court commissioner.

Assault

December 12, 12:45 p.m., 7600 block Hanover Parkway. A 16-year-old Greenbelt youth was arrested and charged with second degree assault after he allegedly punched another person several times during a verbal altercation at Eleanor Roosevelt High School. The victim refused treatment for minor injuries suffered during the altercation. The arrested youth was not injured and was released to a parent pending action by the school board and Juvenile Justice System.

December 14, 2:49 p.m., 5900 block Cherrywood Terrace. As many as five men approached a man who was walking to a residence and punched and kicked him several times before they hit him with a tree branch. The injured man was able to run from the area and contact police. He was transported to UM Prince George's Hospital Center for treatment of minor injuries. All of the men wore all black clothing. One displayed a handgun in his waistband and another was armed with what appeared to be a hatchet.

December 16, 6:45 a.m., 6900 Hanover Parkway. A woman was standing at a bus stop when a man grabbed her from behind and dragged her into the wooded area behind the bus stop. He removed her shoes, laid on top of her and attempted to unzip her one-piece outfit. She was able to use her pepper spray on him, at which point he fled.

December 17, 12:25 a.m., 6400 block Capitol Drive. A man punched the server at TGI Friday after he asked a group of patrons to lower their voices. The server was not injured and the man who punched him fled.

Reckless Endangerment

December 15, 4:15 p.m., 9100 block Edmonston Road. A witness saw a vehicle stop in the A 2010 Cadillac DTS reported roadway in front of her and a stolen July 3 from Ridge Road Tatiana Campos

passenger fired several shots from a handgun into the air and in the general direction of nearby apartment buildings. The vehicle then left.

Theft

December 13, 6:11 p.m., 5200 block Stream Bank Lane. A parcel package was taken from the front stoop of a residence. Surveillance cameras showed a light color SUV pull up in front of the residence and a man exit it, take the package and flee. He is described as being black, wearing a black jacket with a fur hood, dark-gray sweatshirt, gray sweatpants and red-and-white shoes.

December 13, 8:30 p.m., 7500 block Greenbelt Road. A pair of unattended headphones was taken from a counter at Casual Male XL.

December 14, 12:29 a.m., 9200 block Springhill Lane. A man entered the Springhill Lake Mini Market, removed a container of lottery tickets and then fled on foot.

December 14, 3:55 a.m., 6200 block Springhill Court. A taxi driver picked up a fare in Washington, D.C., and gave her a ride to the 6200 block Springhill Court. She then exited the cab without paying the fare and fled.

December 16, 11:25 a.m., 6100 block Breezewood Court. A package was taken from the front stoop of a residence.

December 16, 8:10 p.m., 6200 block Springhill Court. A package was taken from the front stoop of a residence on December 12.

Vandalism

December 17, 2:24 p.m., 6900 Lady Anne Court. A marker was used to put graffiti on a mailbox.

December 17, 6:45 p.m., 9100 block Springhill Lane. Spray paint was used to put graffiti on a glass window of a residence.

Vehicle Crime

A 1998 Ford Club Wagon E150 van with Maryland tags 9DG4522 was taken December 12 from the 8000 block Mandan Road and a gray 4-door 2015 Honda Accord with Maryland tags 9CB4248 was taken on December 16 from the 400 block Ridge Road.

A 2005 Ford Focus was recovered on December 16 by Prince George's County police on Sunnyside Road and Tucker Street in Beltsville prior to it having been reported stolen. It was abandoned after it had been involved in an accident.

near Laurel Hill Road was recovered by Prince George's County police on Manheim and Carroll Avenues in Beltsville.

Four tires and rims were taken in the 6300 block Golden Triangle Drive, a catalytic converter was taken from the 9000 block Breezewood Terrace and rear Maryland tag 58705CD from the 7800 block Mandan Road.

Items were taken from two unlocked vehicles, two cell phones in the 9200 block Edmonston Road and a purse in the 6000 block Greenbelt Road.

The breaking of windows led to the following thefts: Money, from 7800 Mandan Road; a purse and sunglasses from two vehicles in the 7200 block Hanover Parkway; a purse and credit card within it, subsequently used to make an unauthorized purchase, in the 7800 block Hanover Park-

Two attempted thefts were reported, one in the 9100 block Springhill Lane and the other in the 7200 block Hanover Parkway. Nothing appeared to have been

A window was broken out in the 9000 block Breezewood Terrace.

Missing Persons Updates

Critical missing person Tatiana Campos was reported as missing December 13 from the 9100 block of Springhill Lane. Campos, 16, is described as Hispanic, 5'0", 120 pounds, with brown eyes and black hair. She was last seen wearing a blackand-red crop-top hooded sweatshirt and black leggings. Anyone with information is asked to contact Detective Brown at 240-542-2110 or kbrown@ greenbeltmd.gov.

Critical missing person Indalyn McCaskill has been located and is safe.







Officer Michael Parsley helps search for good Christmas presents during Shop with a Cop on Saturday, December 21.

- Photos by George Mathews



Students from Springhill Lake Elementary find presents and new friends during Shop with a Cop.





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the DSP, city staff has recommended that council support it, but with conditions.

"We spent a considerable amount of time going through different ideas and suggestions," said Matthew Tedesco, legal counsel for the NRP Group. "The product of that is [the Advisory Planning Board's support [and] the applicant's willingness to adjust."

Among the conditions are that the applicant must consider a recreation trail around the perimeter, as well as a solar energy system and a geothermal heating and cooling system. It also must provide some sort of shade for the playground, redesign some parking, and research ways to be more energy efficient.

Councilmember Judith Davis suggested that the development hold regular tenant meetings, and Tedesco said the NRP Group planned to do so.

Davis also suggested that the development ensure that there would be a place for Greenbelt News Review dissemination in public spaces of the facility.

Jordan referred to recommendations from councilmembers at previous meetings with NRP that they incorporate a retail aspect into the development.

"My only regret is the small retail piece," Jordan said. "I think that it would have succeeded, or would succeed."

"We want to be proactive instead of reactive," said councilmember Silke Pope. She urged NRP to invest in education in the city so as to account for more students who will attend schools in Greenbelt.

Councilmember Rodney Roberts added, "There's no school for these kids to go to."

He cited that as one of two reasons he was voting against the motion. The second reason, he said, was that "converting commercial property into residential property is just not a good deal for Greenbelt. We need more



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Some members of the public also expressed their disapproval for the project.

"They really see this as a closed enclave," said Greenbelt resident William Orleans. "I don't think the residents of this place, if it's to proceed, will see themselves very much as part of the historic Greenbelt community. This is at variance with the history of Greenbelt."

"I don't think council should endorse this," Orleans said. "Ultimately I would like to see council reconsider the use of this land."

In response, Davis noted council's relative insignificance when it comes to zoning issues.

"Folks keep forgetting that we do not have zoning authority," Davis said. "If we decide to say no to it, that's fine, they might just as well go forward and approve it without our conditions."

She emphasized the importance of a balanced dialogue about the plan. "We get the best possible deal we can because they do want our support. If we refuse to negotiate then they'll just go right to the county and they'll get probably a much worse development in our eyes."

Pope moved to support the plan with the conditions, and Davis seconded the motion. Jordan and Councilmember Leta Mach also supported it; Councilmember Edward Putens was not present for the vote. Mayor Colin Byrd and Roberts both opposed it. The motion to support the NRP DSP with conditions passed 4 to 2.



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dashboard, the \$10 billion project EIS has a new deadline of the end of February. She added that "The opponents of the project are happy about the delay but also understand that the battle against the project is not over."

The maglev project is supported by Governor Larry Hogan, and proposed by the company, Northeast Maglev. On December 17, the Baltimore Sun reported a statement by Northeast Maglev CEO Wayne Rogers saying: "It is not just one section, but furthering the engineering throughout the entire project. Once provided by [Baltimore Washington Rapid Rail, the company's Baltimorebased subsidiary], additional engineering will be reviewed by the appropriate agencies to determine any potential impacts and any need for further review."

On the same day, the Washington Post reported that Rogers said the group is preparing additional engineering information "so that more detail is available for review by the regulatory agencies and the public."

To view the permitting dashboard go to permits.performance. gov/permitting-projects/baltimorewashington-superconductingmaglev-project.

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Golden Agers Celebrate Holidays With Potluck

by Mary Moien

The Greenbelt Golden Agers meeting on December 18 was bursting with members. It was the day of the holiday potluck lunch - fancy decorations on the tables, plates of fried chicken and shrimp rings, many side dishes and too many desserts to count.

Solange Hess, hospitality chair, was recognized for organizing many outstanding potluck lunches and for her dedication to other club activities. She was presented with a bouquet of red roses.

Bunny Fitzgerald, a member of the club and its secretary for many years, attended the party. A longtime Greenbelt resident, she now lives near Baltimore, closer to her family. Bunny was dressed festively for the occasion with flashing Christmas tree lights on her headband.

A wonderful time was had by all. Because of the holidays, the next meeting of the golden agers will be on Wednesday, January 8.

- Photos by **Robin Olson**



From left, Kathy Reynolds, Donna Peterson, Betty Price, Judy Cole, Rosalie Thomas, Joan Baker, and Judy Parker



From left, John Henry Jones, Randi Anderson, **Barry and Mary Moien**



Judy Dixon and Bunny Fitzgerald



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